

December 1981  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Jordan Bureau Monthly Report - November 1981

## I. GENERAL

A. The bureau videotaped Amman Television footage of King Husayn's early November visit to the United States, providing tapes to ICA for reproduction and conducting several showings at the bureau for interested embassy personnel including the DCM and the chief political officer.

B. Ambassador Viets returned from Washington 25 November.

## II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Jordan and Nicosia bureaus tentatively agreed on 25 November that as of 1 December Jordan Bureau would try to resume primary coverage of the Voice of Palestine 1445-1500 GMT daily English-language newscast. Though reception at Jordan has been spotty, the timeslot has posed difficulty for Nicosia due to other coverage commitments. The radio itself offered its assistance by announcing on 26 November that as of 1 December the English newscast would appear during the 1500-1600 GMT timeslot, a period of normally improved reception at Jordan.

B. Communications

The bureau was notified by Communications Chief [redacted] had provisionally agreed to a "unique" request from the bureau to receive incoming copy during the 2200-0500 GMT period when no operator is on duty. The bureau request was prompted by recurring early morning communications bottlenecks created by the bureau's receipt of a heavy USINFO file, most of it sent at immediate precedence. By receiving copy overnight on a tape reperforator unit, the bureau hopes to clear the incoming circuit for urgent FBIS traffic soon after opening of business and to be able to provide the full USINFO file to the Ambassador and other embassy consumers at the start of the embassy work day.

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### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. The bureau will be losing Senior Monitor [ ] at the end of December. He has been offered and accepted a highly prized position as liaison officer for the local ICA office. He will replace another former FBIS monitor.

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2. Monitor trainee [ ] entered on duty 15 November.

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3. Bureau arranged 23-25 November travel to Nicosia Bureau of Arabic monitor applicant [ ] for testing following initial testing and interviewing at Jordan Bureau. Nicosia Bureau Chief [ ] expressed satisfaction with the results and requested further Jordan Bureau assistance with processing.

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### IV. VISITS

A. Regional Engineer [ ] 16-19 November TDY for inspection and for consultations on installation of proposed pony line between bureau and embassy chancery.

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B. DCM Djerejian paid an orientation visit to bureau offices 2 November.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

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